

AGENDA

Meeting of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Advanced and Depowered Airbags February 26, 2001

- 9:00 a.m. Introductions and Chairman's remarks.
- 9:15 a.m. NHTSA's plans to evaluate depowered and advanced airbags.
(Bill Walsh, NHTSA)
- 9:30 a.m. Discussion of what we are already observing from SCI and NASS investigations. What advanced airbag features are in vehicles today, and what's on the horizon.
(Chip Chidester, NHTSA)
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation of Alliance evaluation of field data collection and analysis options.
(Don Bischoff)
- 11:00 a.m. Refreshment break.
- 11:15 a.m. An overview of the NASS sampling plan, how cases are handled, quality control, dissemination.
(Joe Carra, NHTSA).
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Discussion of research plan
What are the research questions?
Who is in the target sample?
Should we be focusing on belted as well as unbelted occupants?
Do we need to include pre-depowered airbags?

What additional data would be most useful for evaluation of depowered and advanced airbag performance?
Discussion of the draft recommendations.

Sampling procedure.
Two levels of analysis: statistical vs. case-by case - do we need to do both?
Convenience vs. random sample.
Serious crashes only vs. all crashes (assuming there are enough of the "right" cases to inform the evaluation of these new systems).
- 3:00 p.m. Analytical methods
What types of analyses will be undertaken?
Compare frontal to non-frontal?
Registration-based analyses?
Case study?
- 3:45 p.m. Practical considerations.
- 4:15 p.m. Other business.